(b) what is the quantum of loss suffered by each company so far as as a result thereof;

(c) what is the position regarding payment of arrears due to each Indian Company working in Libya till July 1985 and what steps have been taken by Government to recover the arrears;

(d) what criteria are adopted by the working groups of the Export-Import Bank for clearance of project proposals and what changes have been effected during the last two years in case of Libya;

(e) what are the details of bids cleared by the working group during 1983, 1984 and 1985; and

(f) whether any Indian company has been awarded new project in Libya during the current years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The Government of Libya issued Decree No. 90 of February 9, 1985 to withdraw some of the projects being executed in Libya by foreign companies which had not started or had been delayed or had been stopped. This list included 34 projects being executed by Indian companies. Libyan authorities have assured that Indian contractors would be given adequate opportunity to explain their case before any decision is taken to withdraw the projects. It has also been agreed that this and the problem of pending payments would be discussed by Technical Committee of Experts specially set-up for the purpose.

(d) Technical feasibility, financial and commercial viability are the criteria considered by Working Group for according clearance to the Project proposals. Delays in payments are kept in view while examining the proposals.

(e) Following are the details of total bids cleared by the Working Group during 1983, 1984 and June ending 1985.

	No. of bids	Value
		Rs. s Cror
1983 . . .	264	4586
1984 . . .	232	4990
Upto June end 1985	107	2314

(f) M/s. Vijay Tanks and Vessels Pvt., Ltd., have been awarded one project for construction of fuel oil facilities in Libya valued at Rs. 9.71 crores.

Manufacture of Nylon Fish Net

2412. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of letters of intent issued to 100 per cent export-oriented units for the manufacture of nylon fish net during the years 1983 and 1984; and

(b) whether any applications are pending concurrence and if so, the number of such applications and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Four approval letters were issued during the years 1983 and 1984 under the scheme of 100 per cent export-oriented units for the manufacture of nylon fish nets.

(b) Eight applications for the manufacture of nylon fish nets under the scheme of 100 per cent export-oriented units are pending for detailed scrutiny by the concerned Departments for final disposal.